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Preliminary Investigation Results of LCF Escape

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Preliminary information has been developed by investigators at Lansing Correctional Facility regarding the means of escape of 27-year-old John Michael Manard from the facility on Sunday, February 12, 2006. It is believed that Manard was in a crate used to transport dogs from the Safe Harbor Prison Dog Program to and from various locations. Several inmates were involved in moving the crate containing Manard and placing it in the van. Seven inmates have been placed in administrative segregation while the investigation continues.

Although Lansing Correctional Facility's policy is that all vehicles entering and leaving the facility are to be searched, that protocol was not properly adhered to upon the van's departure from the facility Sunday. Measures have been taken to re-emphasize the necessity for this protocol to be strictly enforced.

Investigators Tuesday located the van believed to have been used in the escape from the facility. It has been determined that Toby Young rented the storage unit in the last week.

Neither John Manard nor Toby Young were located with the van. The van has been processed and is now being held pending further investigation.

Authorities have confirmed that two weapons are missing from Toby Young's home. The weapons are described as semi-automatic handguns: a black 9 millimeter Glock and a silver AMT .380. Authorities also believe that Young is in possession of a substantial amount of cash, believed to be in excess of \$10,000.

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Investigators are now focusing on efforts to identify anyone who may have recently sold, rented, or provided an automobile, RV/trailer or other vehicle to Toby Young. Anyone who has any information concerning such a vehicle to which Toby Young may have had access is encouraged to contact local law enforcement authorities or the Lansing Correctional Facility at 913-727-3235.

Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz has authorized a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the successful apprehension of John Michael Manard.

John M. Manard is described as a white male, 6'2" tall, 190 pounds, with red/auburn hair and hazel eyes. Manard was convicted of Murder in the First Degree, Aggravated Robbery and Criminal Possession of a Firearm in Johnson County District Court and sentenced to a term of Life in prison in April 1997. Manard should be considered to be armed and dangerous.

The Leavenworth County Attorney's Office issued a warrant Monday, February 13, 2006 for the arrest of 48-year-old Toby Young in connection with the escape. The warrant charging Toby Young with Aiding and Abetting Aggravated Escape and Aiding a Felon was issued based upon information developed during the investigation of the escape.

Toby Young is President of the Safe Harbor Prison Dog Program which has operated the Lansing Correctional Facility since August 2004. Toby Young is described as a 48-year old white female, 5'1" tall, 130 lbs. with brown hair and brown eyes. Toby Young had been at the Lansing Correctional Facility Sunday February 12, 2006.

